including anaesthesiologists are using acupuncture for pre and post-operative analgesia, chronic pain and allergies.

(c) As the Acupuncture training is already available in the country, there is no proposal under consideration to take the assistance of the Governments of China and Japan to train our acupuncturists.

Theft in the prohibited area of Calcutta Airport

1277. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircraft parts and other equipment worth lakhs of rupees have been stolen from the hangers of Indian Airlines in the prohibited area of Calcutta airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of aircraft which have been grounded or are likely to be rendered unserviceable because of such theft of spare parts;

(d) whether any investigations have been made into the thefts;

(e) if so, the details of the outcome thereof; and

(f) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) 42 panels of Boeing-737 aircraft were found missing on the 27th of April, 1990 from the Indian Airlines Maintenance area at Calcutta airport. These panels were parts of wing leading edge, trailing edge flaps and engine and pylon area.

(c) No aircraft was grounded or is likely to be unserviceable because of the theft of these aircraft parts.

(d) to (f) A case has been registered with the West Bengal Police on the 27th of April, 1990. Results of the investigations are still awaited. Indian Airlines security has intensified patrolling around the maintenance hangar. Besides, International Airports Authority (IAAI) has been approached from time to time by the Indian Airlines to clear the wild vegetaion around the maintenance hangars and provide adequate lights.

Performance of ECL and BCCL

1278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that despite seven million tonnes increase in coal production during 1989-90 the performance of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. have been dismal;

(b) if so, what was the over all production of these subsidiaries during the periods 1988-89 and 1989-90 and what is their respective share in the total output of coal during these two years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that despite an increase of seven million tonnes in the overall coal production of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) during 1989-90, the performance of one of its subsidiaries viz. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), which fell short of its production target of 30.90 million tonnes by 6.44 million tonnes, has been dismal and the performance of one of its other subsidiaries viz. Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), which fell short of its production target of 27.50 million tonnes by 0.88 million tonnes, has been unsatasfictory.

(b) The overall production of these two subsidiaries and their re-spective share in the total output of CIL during 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given in the following table:—

	1988-89		1989-90	
	Production (million tonnes)	% of share in CIL's total production of 171.55 m.t.	Production (million tonnes)	% of share in CIL's total production of 178.59 m.t.
ECL . . .	30.21	17.61	24.46	13.70
BCCL . . .	26.31	15.34	26.62	14.91

(c) The following steps have been/ are being taken to improve their performance:—

(i) Introduction of intermediate mechanisation in the existing underground mines/selected mines and deployment of additional load haul dumpers and side discharge loaders.

(ii) Construction of new projects.

(iii) Improve power availability by having regular discussions with officials of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and State Electricity Boards.

(iv) Close monitoring of underground mines.

(v) Increased utilisation of equipment.

(vi) Reduce absenteeism of workers by taking suitable action against regular absentees.

(vii) Opening out new districts in the existing mines through short-term schemes to augment production capacity.

(viii) Make efforts to sort out problems of sand supply.

(ix) Make efforts to open projects in Raniganj coalfield of ECL.

Crisis in BHEL Units

1279. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the BHEL units in the country are facing closure because of lack of supply orders;

(b) if so, what are their names, and what is the present position with regard to the supply order in respect of each of these units;

(c) what is the estimated loss likely to be suffered in the event of closure of these units;

(d) what are the reasons for the lack of supply orders; and

(e) what steps Government propose to avert this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) The capacity utilisation of BHEL for the manufacture of power generation equipment is fairly satisfactory during the current year.

The capacity utilisation of BHEL for the 8th Plan projects is under